

REMARKS

Claims 1, 4, 8, 11-14, 16, 20 and 19-21 have been amended and claims 3, 10, and 18 have been canceled by this Amendment A.

It is believed that no further fees are necessary at this time. However, in the event
5 additional fees are required, Applicants authorize the Commissioner to take any necessary fees, including those under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17, from deposit account 50-0913.


Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Office regarding rejections of the claims. Parent (U.S. Patent No. 5,765,851) does not disclose the elements of the independent claims as they were previously presented. However, Applicant has amended the claims in order to obtain a
10 patent for the invention as soon as possible. Applicant may submit a continuation application with the original claims.

CONCLUSION

For all of the above reasons, the applicant submits that the present application is in
15 condition for allowance. If the examiner has any questions regarding the application or this response, the examiner is encouraged to call the applicant's attorney, Ian F. Burns , at (775) 826-6160.

Respectfully submitted,

20


Ian F. Burns, Attorney for Applicant(s)
Registration Number: 33,297

25